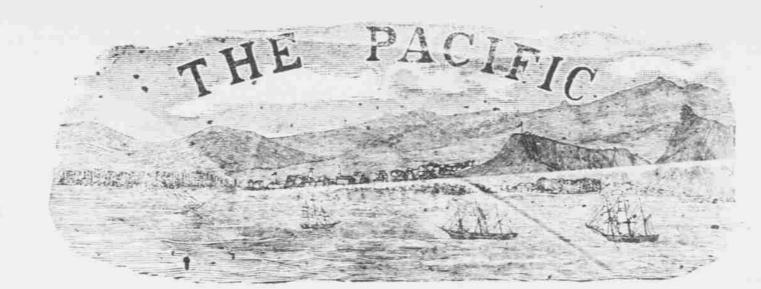
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Upon it four old mandarins Travel about at fear ul angles, Umbrellas balanced on their chins. And 'round their necks great golden ban-

Here, just beneath this purple cloud, Is one blank space-and shall I fill it? The thoughts I dare not speak aloud

My pen may tell her, if I will it. It shall. Though never good at verse, For four short lines I'm surely able-

There! Certainly I have seen worse, That's a neat line, "Coy, charming Mabel!"

(I hear her step! And now the "swish" O. silken skirts the staircase trailing. When will she see it? Oh, I wish-My courage all at once is failing.

I'll brave it out.) "Miss Clair, I found This fan and wrote some nonsense on it. Perhaps you will read it. I'll be bound You'll laugh at my poor awkward sonnet,

But if you knew-could I but show-" (Can it be true that smile she smothers) "On, thank you. She'll be pleased, I know; For, Mr. Bond, that fan's my mother's," -Home Weekly.

A Tough Goose.

Mr. N. Vickary, the well known taxidermist, of Lynn, tells a story of the old colored man John Johnson, a celebrated Lynn character. John happened into the shop one day just after Mr. Vickary had been skinning a large bald eagle. Thinking to have a little sport, Mr. V. asked John if he would like a nice goose for his dinner the

next day. "I tank you a hundred million times of you gib me de goose, 'deed I will," John exclaimed; and in due time the skinless tody of the eagle was wrapped in a newspaper, and Johnson started off with it under his arm, still volubly expressing his gratitude. About a week after Mr. V. met Johnson on Union street, and asked him how he liked

the goose he had given him. "Dat goose," said Johnson, showing his ivories, "Dat war de toughest goose. I's declar' dat mus' have been fader to all the ganders. I biled that goose, an' I parbiled him, den I biled him again, but I declar' dat ar wuz the chewinist bird me an'- de ole

woman ever seed." After telling him that there must have been some mistake in his method of cook ng. they parted, till one day, as a large snowy owi was in preparation for stuffing, and Johnson happened to be going by, Mr. V. called to him to come in. Jonnson came hobbling in, when Mr. V. asked him if he did not want another goose, pointing to the owllying on the bench with its skin drawn where he will attend to any business entrusted

over its head. Johnson looked suspiciously from Mr. V. to the bird, and scratching his woolly pate, remarked: "See here, boss, ef 'tain't no trubble. I's like to see de feet on dat goose afore I carries him to de ole woman."-

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A Connecticut Paper's Little Fish Story. There is an old picker I in the Piainville pond-so old that he cannot make a living in the pickerel way of catching smaller fish, and after several hours of vain pur-ui one day last week he saw our "devil" fish ng. so he glided up and bit the line off close to the pole and pulled it around until he caught a little fish, which he ate, and baiting the wook again with part of it proceeded to fish or another. Our apprentice this story, and we have decided to make a lawyer of him. - Plainville Journal.

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